

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 643

By Casada

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Jean Pride of College Grove for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have come to the aid of their community by dedicating themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean Pride of College Grove is one such outstanding person who has sought fulfillment in a lifetime of volunteer service to the people of Tennessee, sharing her time and energies for more than a decade as a volunteer at Graceworks Ministries; and

WHEREAS, since joining a friend at a meeting more than eleven years ago at the relatively new Graceworks Ministries, a nonprofit one-stop for people in need, Mrs. Pride has become a vital part of the organization, holding a variety of board positions; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to volunteer services, this former early childhood education specialist from Nashville spent a quarter-century as a volunteer with the women's prison ministry; and

WHEREAS, since arriving in College Grove, Jean Pride has volunteered at the College Grove senior center and, along with her husband Edward, aided the Meals on Wheels program at Triune United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pride's remarkable success as a volunteer is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Jean Pride is an extremely giving person who reaches out with compassion to those whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated volunteer, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, devoted to her family, Mrs. Pride is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband of fifty-nine years, Edward Pride, as they enjoy their life together in the bucolic beauty of Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, Jean Pride exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and neighbors that is characteristic of true Tennesseans, and her awareness of the needs of her community has been tangibly demonstrated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mrs. Jean Pride of College Grove for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Williamson County and Tennessee and salute her outstanding volunteerism and unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.